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Hazing or drug haze?

NEIL PEDEN, *National IV*

This is the time of year that McGill engages in the sadistic hazing ritual that is the second-year factum. I am sure that there would have been a parliamentary inquiry in the the practice by now if someone had only thought to tape it, although I hear Brian McKenna is shooting a documentary. Presumably there will be public outrage followed by protests from the law faculty that the factum is necessary to toughen the recruits and beat down any sense of individuality, thus forming a more ruthlessly effective killing machine: We send these young men and women into battle, so they had damned well better be able to fight, and if they can never fully reintegrate into civil society, that is just one of the ugly side-effects of our legal system. Nobody said law was going to be pretty, son.

In fact, the factum assignment is a lot like life, in that you are forced to work in close proximity to someone you don't really like, in order to produce work of which you are not particularly proud, hoping to impress people who don't especially care. (I was fortunate in that I genuinely enjoyed working with my partner, although this was counterbalanced by the fact that, due to circumstances largely beyond our control, we did the entire assignment in three days. I pulled a double all-nighter and, by the end, felt like I was covered in ants. I still have a nervous tick, but I figure it is all part of the

The Heat is On...It's Time to Beat \$30,000

STEPHANIE TAYLOR, *National IV*
Skit Nite Fundraising Chair

Skit Nite is undoubtedly one of the most "extravangazical" (good word, Awi) and exciting events of the year. Yet, in addition to representing a landmark party-fest that celebrates the hilarious and zany moments of life at Chancellor Day, Skit Nite represents a unique community fundraiser through which we (students, teachers, family and

friends C and of course, firms...) raise money to support local charities.

Last year, we raised almost \$30,000 for these charities. And, once again, we will be supporting the same charities as in previous years: *Chez Doris*, *The Old Brewery*, *Dans La Rue*, and *Share the Warmth*. Just to give you a flavour for the some of the work that these charities do, *Chez Doris* is an organisation that aids women in crisis situations such as those

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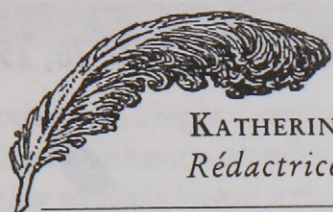
Top Ten Things I Still Don't Know After Four Years at the Faculty

JENNIFER FERGUSON, *NATIONAL IV* and Monica Lewinsky Wannabe

1. Why hearing a busy signal from MARS (McGill's *Annoying* Registration System) is far more frustrating than when I used to have to wait in line for three hours to register;
2. Which flight of stairs exams and papers are thrown down to determine grades (I'd be there with bells on to catch mine!);
3. Why Coffee House isn't simply known as Keg Night;
4. Why the people who could most benefit from discussions of equity issues dismiss them as trivial, irrelevant distractions from The Almighty Positive Law;
5. How Dan Elie can still stand at the end of each action-packed day (how many sports can one man play??);
6. Why the cafeteria staff is super-friendly while the USO staff (with some notable exceptions) is anal-retentive;
7. How, if learning one legal system was so hard (assuming I'll ever fully learn it) learning two at the same time could ever be easier or more effective;
8. Why people insist on blocking doorways, stairwells, fire escapes, etc. while engaging in deep conversation about last night's *Ally McBeal* episode (will somebody please shoot Calista Flockhart for me?);
9. What the purpose of the fan in Room 101 is;
10. Whether four years, thousands of dollars in tuition fees, two degrees and truckloads of stress will actually get me a job.

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Cauchemar hypnotique



KATHERINE POIRIER
Rédactrice française

C'était une nuit noire, pourtant la lune était pleine. De mes petits yeux d'enfant de huit ans, je regardais fixement ce cimetière sous mes yeux, tout en sachant très bien que l'horreur allait recommencer.

Dans une vieille maison, une jeune fille s'en allait avec son amoureux se raconter quelques histoires d'épouvante. Elle aperçut alors un éclair jaune dans ses yeux, quelque chose d'inquiétant, d'étrangement animal...

À l'extérieur de la maison, des silhouettes menaçantes commençaient à sortir de terre. Je savais ce qu'elles allaient faire, mais comme à chaque fois je restais là, les yeux rivés sur le cimetière, en proie à une profonde terreur. Elle se mirent alors en rang, formant une sorte de bataillon. Alors que la lune était pleinement visible, dénuée de tout nuage, j'entendis la jeune fille crier et s'enfuir en courant, un loup-garou portant la veste rouge de son compagnon à ses trousses. Lorsqu'il passa près des zombies momifiés, il se joint à eux et ils exécutèrent le même rituel que je les avais toujours vu faire, une sorte de danse horrible au cours de laquelle je craignais toujours que leurs regards ne croisent le mien. Dans ma tête, une musique funeste accompagnait leurs pas, sur un

rythme tellement simple qu'il suffisait de l'entendre une seule fois pour que notre mémoire auditive en soit l'esclave.

La lune se couvrit à nouveau, ils arrêtaient de danser. J'aperçu ensuite le jeune homme en compagnie de sa bien-aimée, lui expliquant que plus jamais une telle métamorphose ne se produirait. Alors qu'elle avait détourné son regard du sien, je vis l'éclair jaune briller dans ses yeux, signe que le cauchemar n'était pas terminé. En fait, le mien ne faisait que commencer. Je sortis alors de cette transe hypnotique, j'éteignis le téléviseur, et je me préparai à une autre nuit d'épouvante, comme chaque fois où j'écoutais ce vidéoclip de Michael Jackson qui hantait mes nuits...

Letters to the Editor...

THE BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I read with great interest your piece on "Mean Law Firm Interviews" (Quid Novi, Summer 1978) by Vermouth Perlmutter, Nat. IV.

I like the variation on "Ping Pong Diplomacy" used by Harrison, Ford and Squab. It is amusing to picture Mr. Perlmutter being handed a racket and told to face off

against the firm's reigning table tennis champ while explaining an interest in bankruptcy.

I wonder what the point was, though, of the Haversham, Crook partner who kept asking "have you read a, b, c, d,?" when it was obvious that the Perl doesn't care for literature. How is a student supposed to turn to his advantage a disappointed "I see", particularly when this is repeated five times?

Finally, I'd like turn the powerful light of Psychology on the experience with Oblisong and Larryncks, the firm that scheduled an interview at a hotel suite and didn't show up. Was it merely sadistic to watch Vermouth across a one-way mirror until he realized no one was showing?

Maybe, maybe not. Oblisong may have been testing Verm's mettle, to see if he was carrying any psychological baggage that would make working alone late at night a stressful experience. I can understand this, because I for one would fail such a test. Whenever I've been stood up, a terrible anxiety has overpowered me; it is as if the world is very cold and no one cares for me; I may even start to cry.

Come to think of it, though, the last time I was stood up was one winter's night on the front steps of the day care when Mother forgot to pick me up. Anyway, I'm sure interviewers know what they're doing.

Please keep up the very interesting stories.
- Matias Milet, LL.B. III

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Ben's Re-tort

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LL.B. II

The second year experience is a unique one. We are at once veterans of the law faculty and bright-eyed neophytes. Just a couple of weeks ago I was busy imparting advice on my unsuspecting law partner and friends in first year. I counseled them to stay grounded, not panic and above all, never to buy into the hype created by case comment or memo week. Further, I gave them my all-important summaries and explained the nature of a fact pattern exam. This was a maturing experience. After going through the rite of passage known as first year, I had learnt something and was able to share it.

Despite my new-found wisdom, I am somewhat alarmed at what is happening throughout the ranks of the second year class. The vaunted factum assignment has arrived for some, and is looming on the horizon for others

Factum Follies

(myself included). Second year obligatory classes are sparsely attended, while the majority of students are sighted scurrying to the library to photocopy yet another two thousand pages of articles from small claims court and the Idaho Law Journal. What would Professor Benson say? If we have learnt anything from Torts it was to come to class at all costs- even in pyjamas. Well, we don't come to class imbued with first year excitement and fear of the unknown. We are back in a familiar place: the panic stricken library. Strangely, we can't follow the advice just given to our law partners and friends. We are caught in the whirlwind. After all is said and done we may look back and suggest to others that it is important to stay calm, grounded and methodical. Yet it is more likely than not that our advice will go unheeded. Actions speak louder than words. Panic and hype continue to reign, from memo madness to factum follies.

Be it resolved that "The Atrium" be renamed "The Gymnasium"....

SANDRA LEDUC, VP Administration

... is an example of some of the suggestions, comments and motions that are brought up at LSA Council meetings.

Every two weeks, the Council gathers within the cozy walls of Thomson House. What goes on at those meetings concerns every student at the Faculty. Issues discussed range from the future of the Law Bookstore to where in the world Law Games will be held next year. Most importantly, meetings are actually fun. They can even be exciting. Really. And of course, you are all invited. If you have always wanted to see the illustrious Mario in action, here is your chance. If you have always wanted to pass a motion to get rid of the fan in room 102, here is your chance.

However, if you somehow feel that you could spend two hours of your valuable time doing something more interesting, (I must say that I can't imagine what that could be), there is a speedier way of staying informed: minutes of each meeting are posted on the LSA board after they have been approved by Council.

Finally, if you want to make comments or suggestions directly to any LSA exec but don't approve of the current method of choice (*i.e.* grabbing Mario in the hallway and making him perpetually late for everything), you have the more discrete option of using our new Suggestion Box (located in the Pool Room). But always remember that any comments or death threats to Neil Peden should either be wrapped around a brick or e-mailed to him personally.

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New Tied Selling Legislation: Targeting Banks

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Imagine this: you are negotiating a student loan with your bank manager, and are told that the bank will offer you better terms on the loan if you purchase its new Bronze credit card. Now, imagine a slightly different situation: in negotiating for the student loan, your bank manager tells you that unless you purchase its new Bronze credit card, the bank will not grant you the loan.

The first situation is called 'cross-selling'. It is legitimate and is beneficial to both consumers and sellers. On the other hand, the second example, referred to as 'tied selling', is illegal due to its coercive element. Tied selling can be highly detrimental to consumers who might have few alternatives to the products being tendered.

The difference in these two examples strikes at the heart of the new legislation on tied selling introduced last month by the federal government. The *Bank Act* was amended on September 30, 1998, so that section 459.1 of the *Act* now prohibits a bank from imposing undue pressure on, or coercing, a person to obtain a product or service as a condition for obtaining a loan from the bank.

Tied selling is not a bank-centered issue; it is a general consumer protection problem that exists among all financial institutions, and in fact, among any seller who offer bundles of products and/or services to consumers.

Prohibitions on tied selling prior to s. 459.1

Prior to the proclamation of s. 459.1, tied selling was kept at bay through at least three mechanisms. First, section 77 of the *Competition Act* – which is industry-neutral legislation – prohibits coercive tied selling under any circumstances. This prohibition continues to exist, but federal legislators felt that it was insufficient to protect bank customers, in particular, from this unfair sales practice. Second, section 416 (5) of the *Bank*

Act prohibited the use of pressure with respect to the placing of insurance for security of a bank. This section was repealed concurrently with the introduction of section 459.1. Third, in early 1998, the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA) introduced a Tied Selling Statement – a voluntary self-regulatory mechanism to which most banks adhere and on which they modeled their own tied selling initiatives.

Banks are singled-out

The issue of regulating tied selling among financial institutions was introduced in the 1997 White Paper on financial reform. Legislation was subsequently passed in February 1997 (Bill C-82, *An Act to amend certain laws relating to financial institutions*), but the tied selling provisions were drafted to apply solely to banks. At that time, the legislation was only proclaimed in part to allow the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance to study the issue. In June 1998, the Committee recommended that the prohibition be applied to all financial institutions, but Department of Finance officials claimed that "constitutional factors" prevented the legislation's application to financial institutions other than banks. As a result, the final version of s. 459.1 applies only to banks. Most recently, in September 1998, the Task Force on the Future of the Canadian Financial Services Sector recommended in its final report that s. 459.1 apply to all financial institutions. The Committee is therefore still reviewing the issue.

Is the new legislation necessary?

A quick look at both s. 459.1 and the CBA's Tied Selling Statement reveals that the new legislation is essentially a mirror-image of the Statement. The government justified legislating the prohibition on tied selling by claiming that self-regulation is not always sufficient to protect consumers' interests, and that without tied selling legislation, financial institutions are not of "world-class status". Now, consumers have recourse to the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI), in addition to the

voluntary self-regulatory bank ombudsmen process – the Canadian Banking Ombudsman and the bank's individual ombudsmen. The benefits of the new methods of recourse must be weighed against the burden of additional costs to be shouldered by taxpayers and consumers alike.

Is the new legislation adequate?

The legislation leaves out many financial institutions that are capable of offering the very products that banks offer, such as loans (which s. 459.1 specifically singles out), as a result of the removal of the four pillars regime in 1987. The argument that constitutional factors make it problematic to apply tied selling provisions to non-bank financial institutions might not be as convincing as the government might like to think: in the past, the federal government has incorporated consumer protection measures in legislation pertaining to non-bank financial institutions, such as the federal *Trust and Loan Companies Act*, the federal *Cooperative Credit Associations Act*, and the federal *Insurance Companies Act*, on the basis of the federal incorporation power and other related federal powers.

As for the provinces, at least one recent example demonstrates that tied selling can be regulated at the provincial level: the Ontario Securities Commission introduced a Rule to deal with tied selling in the sales and business practices of the mutual fund industry. Once the Rule was approved by the Ontario Finance Minister, its adoption by all members of the Canadian Securities Administrators was assured.

Considerations for the future

If Canadians are serious about using tied selling prohibitions to protect their best interests, then all financial institutions should be urged to adopt clear initiatives on the matter. This should be done on a voluntary basis, at a minimum. Failure to do so would ignore the current realities of our evolving financial services sector and would be inimical to obtaining the "world-class" status that the government is hoping to achieve.

The Chancellor Day

Fiction Club

LAUREL NAST LL.B.III

It was so very good for her to be here. So very, very good. The children rushed around her, backpacks discarded on the floor and winter coats hanging crazily from their innocent shoulders. They clutched at their sticky cakes and sucked viciously at their juice packs, pretending not to notice her, the new tutor, as they hummed and wiggled with the news of their day. It was delicious to be ignored here, comfortable to receive those sidelong, sticky faced looks as the children talked to one another. She smiled and wished for a cake.

She had come here to be around children and to flesh out her days with a helping of real life. She had come here to bathe in her nagging love of children and pretend that the littlest were hers. She wanted to help these kids, to give back to a society that had given her so much. Most of all however, she had come here to escape. There would be no preoccupation with adult concerns in the next three hours, she was certain of that. And she was glad of it.

The children finally tickled back the last of their snacks, and begrudgingly shuffled to the various brightly-coloured Sunday school rooms for their tutoring to begin. It was three o'clock on a Monday afternoon, and their new tutor was aware of her own sore bottom after days sitting through elementary school, years ago. She began to help her 11 year olds empty their backpacks and wondered how long her little charges would be able to concentrate on the tasks before them. She could only hope that she would be able to keep them respectably occupied for the hour of study that lied ahead.

The room in which she found herself was part of a large church basement. It was painted a lovely yellow, and accented with Bible verses and children's drawings on the walls. Low tables lined three of the walls, and books and crayons smiled on scruffy bookshelves. It was a very clean and tidy room, with ample sunlight. Three similar rooms were located nearby, and held the younger children, who were grouped by age. She could hear their giggling and academic resistance, and turned her attention to her own group of ragamuffins.

Her charges consisted of four 11 year-old boys, one of whom was almost as big as she was. Their names were Dean, Germaine, Jay-Dee, and Paul, and except for Paul, they showed no inclination to self-motivate. Immediately after entering the room, three of the boys began to ogle Germaine's magazine cut out of Mariah Carey and toss mother-related obscenities between themselves. Good-natured shoving matches broke out, which the new tutor had to quash. She found herself lecturing the kids about appropriate language and respecting one's mother. She also began to understand what her supervisor had meant when he told her that tutoring these kids was going to be difficult.

One minute into her tutoring experience, and before she had had time to form a plan of attack, two of the new tutor's students were complaining that they were bored. She fought the urge to grab them and run to the nearest park, and instead asked them what they had been assigned at school that day. A chorus of "Nothing!"s was gleefully returned. She grimaced and began rooting through their backpacks.

Ten minutes later, she finally looked up and took a breath. At last, it seemed that calm had been established in the Yellow Room. After much cajoling and her energetic endorsement of the tasks they had before them, her boys had at last settled into their work, which ranged from spelling to logic problems to drawing geometrical shapes. One boy had insisted he had no homework assigned, so she had invented a game called "The Great Draw Off", and promised him a treat the next week if he would draw all the shapes and characters she assigned him. It was only after congratulating herself on this quick thinking that she had realized she was probably not supposed to be promising individual children treats. Oh, well. She would learn.

The calm was short-lived. Two minutes later, it seemed that suddenly everyone was finished his work, or had a question, or was faced with the pressing need to yell for no reason. The new tutor could only move quickly from child to child, helping as best she could, and then begin the circuit again.

It was exhausting work.

There was fun to be had, though. Her boys were mischievous and yet well-meaning little fellows. They made a genuine effort at their work, once they were set on the right course, and the new tutor decided that the occasional break to examine Mariah Carey's picture was probably good therapy for them. There were lots of interesting questions for her to answer, and swear word discussions were also quite common:

"But what should I say *instead* of 'pissed off'? It's all I *know*!" she was asked at one point.

"Well, how about saying that you're 'ticked off'?" she suggested. "That's effective. Don't say you're 'pissed off', because it's crude, and it offends people."

"...Alright," her pupil responded, earnest in his attempt to correct his language. "I'm really *ticked off* that I have to do all of this goddamned homework."

"...Sigh..."

...In the end, the hour passed in this busy, scattered fashion. There was none of the concentrated, calm, prep school-type tutoring that the new tutor had been expecting. Instead, quick spurts of teaching would take place, followed by extensive question answering, refereeing, and redirection. It was non-stop, think-on-your-feet-type work, and she found herself marveling that four 11 year-old boys could need so much attention. It was an enlightening hour.

Finally, the tutorial time came to a close, and the children went into the main basement area to play games with one another. The new tutor led them in several games and reveled in the contrast between their energetic play and the semi-restrained atmosphere of the tutorial room only minutes before. The playtime was followed by a snack for all those children who had behaved themselves (everyone got one), and star stickers for all but the worst agitators. She could sense that although the children begrudged the homework time that was a part of this after school program, they

Skit Nite's Gonna Get Ya

MAYA PRABHU & AWI SINHA
Skit Nite Co-chairs

With the thunderous force of a hurricane gale, Skit Nite is back in the lives of McGill Law students. (A little too aggressive? Let's try again.)

With the shimmering light of the midnight sun, Skit Nite has gloriously returned. (There, THAT makes more sense.) This year, the Faculty's annual tradition of an extravaganza variety show, fueled by the talents and quasi-talents of the McGill Law community, continues. And, as always, the purpose of the show is to raise oodles of cash for worthwhile local charities (See Stephanie Taylor's article.) This year, however, the show will be bigger, flashier and more extravaganza than ever before. It will also include the first live interview with Monica Lewinsky! (GROAN. Just kidding. Actually, if someone submits a Lewinsky-gate skit, the co-chairs will veto it ... unless it's really, really good. So, there you have it, ye of the poisonous political pen; the gauntlet has been thrown, so satire your hearts out. But we digress.)

In order to pull off this barn-burner of a show, lots of organizational and preparatory work will need to be done, which is why we address you so early on in the year, dear reader. (You're probably reading this, asking aloud, «Why are they writing about Skit Nite in October when the show is in March?», to which we respond, «Stop talking to yourself. The Dean is giving you a funny look.») Your event co-chairs are banking on our enthusiasm for the event being infectious - «disco fever» sort of infectious, not «black plague» infectious. So we put out this call to arms to all that have a desire to get involved in any aspect of Skit Nite from behind-the-scenes (experience NOT necessary).

Nous aurons besoin de bénévoles pour la levée de fond, les événements sociaux, les décors, etc. Certains d'entre vous étaient présent à la première réunion; nous en sommes ravis. Nous voulons tout de même spécifier qu'il n'est jamais trop tard ni trop tôt pour nous contacter et vous impliquer au sein de cet événement charitable à la fois amusant et important. Que vous ayez peu de temps à consacrer ou l'intention de vous impliquer à tous niveaux de l'organisation votre participation sera bienvenue. Si vous avez des questions ou des idées vous pouvez nous contacter par e-mail à l'adresse

< <skitnite> >, ou par téléphone en nous appelant à la maison (nos numéros sont dans le bottin). Nous espérons pouvoir communiquer avec vous par télépathie dès janvier.

Fund-raising, set design and social coordination are just a few of the areas which require volunteer support. Some of you have already approached us, and attended the first organizational meeting, which is fantastic. We just want to establish that it is never too early or too late to contact us and get involved with this fun and important charity event.

Whether you've got only a little time to contribute, or you want in on the whole enchilada, we welcome your participation. If you have any question or ideas, you can contact us by e-mailing «skitnite», or calling us at our home numbers, listed in the Bottin. Our teletype machine is currently down.

This is just the first in a series of blatant attempts to invigorate the student population so that we, your co-chairs, can slack off and snooze, so you'll be hearing from us again shortly. Until then, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars. Just don't throw your back out while doing so.

Common Sense in the Common Law classroom

KAREN LAJOIE, LLB I

Since starting at McGill Law in September, the thing that has stuck out most vividly for me so far is the lack of fundamental courtesy in the classroom.

I'm not talking about some Paper Chase humiliation exercise by some sadistic prof - they've all been exceedingly polite. No, what I'm referring to is the level of impatience some of my peers display near the end of class time. You know what I mean: the loud rustling of books and papers being tossed into backpacks, lunch plans being discussed with one's seat mates without a hint of a whisper, while the prof remains at the front of the room, in a losing battle to be heard above the rising din, finish their thought and assign the next day's readings.

Where, exactly, are we all so eager to go? The library to check some cites? A quiet corner to catch up on homework or readings? A tutorial or club meeting? Lunch? All exceedingly worthy plans that will still be there in five minutes.

I'll admit, I was out of school for nearly 10 years before heading back this fall. Furthermore, I am pretty certain that if I had been in this much of a rush to bail on a class during my last two degrees, the teacher would have shown me the door - permanently. So why do our first-year pros put up with this rudeness? Is it a reverse courtesy - no matter how rude you are to me, I will continue to function in a professional manner? I'd like to know.

Now, to be clear, I'm not talking about the everyday low-grade acts of rudeness. Public transit and student lifestyles being what they are, it's inevitable some people,

myself included, will sometimes be late. Personally, I find it embarrassing to walk into the classroom once everyone else has begun. It is the equivalent of admitting I wasn't organized enough that morning. The last thing I want to do is cause people to notice I haven't got my act together, so I try to slip into a seat at the back, even if it's not at a desk.

To be fair, probably half of the class does the same thing when it's their turn to slide through the big doors once the lecture has begun. But of course, by virtue of their being quiet, we don't notice them. That's how it should be - they're minimizing their rudeness by not being any more disruptive than necessary.

No, my quibble is with the people who don't seem to be leashed by this self-restraint. They tend to fall into three groups, although membership is not exclusive to any. There are the aforementioned pack-up-early types, who seem to want to prof to stop, whether they've reached the end of the sentence or not; the come-in-15-minutes-late-and-walk-to-the-front-of-the-room-types, who also usually push their way loudly and disruptively to a seat in the middle of the row; and the talk-to-your-neighbor-about-your-weekend/date/big plans-type, who, whenever they get bored/lost/distracted, have entire, full volume conversations with whoever is sitting next to them, whether that person wants them to or not.

Where does this behavior come from? Do they honestly not know they're being a pain in the ass? Do they know and not care? Why don't the pros call them on it?

For all I know, they probably talk at the movies too.

The Many Moods of The Eyes

SOULETTE GRAY BCLIII.

Those eyes of gentle cat
With their shyness in every bat
That quick flash of lightning's anger
Raging and inflicting the temper
The unforgettable marble eyed gaze
The one that puts your heart ablaze...
The calm reassuring smooth look
Scanning and sympathizing with every
chapter in your book
That cold and piercing stare
Remember, the very one that caught you
unaware

And yes, those perfectly convincing eyes of
pretense
It's hard to resist even with common sense
Those excited eyes that seem to light up
The very ones with the glow that never stop
The curious eyes full of eager expectation
Ready every minute to begin their exploration
The revolutionist eyes made defiant by years
of scrutiny
Poised to launch a campaign of mutiny
The smiling eyes of spontaneity
Geared for adventure and full of gaiety
The pensive eyes that arch the brows
Struggling to make sense of what it knows

The expert eyes trained to comb details
In order to locate probable missing links in
the trails
The puppy dog eyes that announce their plea
Ever so softly for all to see
The sad forsaken tale that the eyes sometimes
tell
Seeming to make the owner appear unwell
The guilty eyes held confident and versed in
deceit
Manipulating cultural norms to make its
charade complete
Indeed these are some of the many moods
of the eyes
That challenge us to decipher which ones are
truths and which ones are lies.

Queer Corner

SARAH HANNETT, LL.M I

In Memorandum: Matthew
Shepard 1976-1998

Matthew Shepard lost his struggle
for life two weeks ago. Matthew was the
22-year old student beaten, tortured and
left for dead seemingly because of his
sexuality. He was lured from a Wyoming
bar by two men who told him they were
gay. It is alleged that the two men, whose
girlfriends have been named as
accessories to the crime, spread-eagled
Shepard on a wooden fence, stole his
wallet, credit cards and shoes, tortured
him and pistol-whipped his skull with a
.357 Magnum. Matthew spent four days
on a ventilator before dying of heart
failure.

The media coverage implies that
attacks such as Matthew's murder are
isolated incidents. In fact, such incidents
are part of a systemic scheme of violence
against all minorities. The Southern
Poverty Law Center assert that 21 people
were killed in 1996 because they were a
lesbian or gay man. This compares to
20 blacks reported lynched in 1935, and
fewer than 10 a year in the 1950s and
1960s. It is probable that the figures for
lesbians and gay men are underreported.
The violence continued after Matthew's
death, albeit in a verbal form: his funeral
was picketed by right-wing religious
groups bearing signs saying "No Fags in
Heaven" and "No Tears for Queers."

What strikes me most about
Matthew's death is the jolt from

complacency it sends out. It propels a strident
reminder that prejudice, violence and rage
exist against lesbians and gay men because
of our differences. It reminds me once more
that silence and complacency are bedfellows
of compliance with the status quo. The levels
and depths of silence are multi-layered and
complex: whilst none of us are to blame for
the violence that befell Matthew, all of us
are to an extent responsible.

The forms that such silence takes in
society are eloquently outlined in prose from
an unknown Chaplain at Trinity College:

"The silence of Christians who know
that our scriptures on homosexuality are few
and murky in interpretation and far
outweighed by the words of a saviour whose
only comment on human relationships was
to call us to never judge but only to love.

The silence of well-meaning educated
people who pretend to have an enlightened
view of homosexuality while quietly
tolerating the abuse of gays and lesbians in
their own communities.

The silence of our elected officials who
have the authority to make changes but prefer
to count votes.

The silence of the majority of
"straight" Americans who shift
uncomfortably when confronted by the
thought that gays and lesbians may be no
different from themselves, save for the fact
that they are walking targets for bigotry,
disrespect, cheap humour, and apparently, of
murder."

Often silence and complacency stem
from fear and discomfort about the
differences of persons other than ourselves.
We all experience fear of difference, whether
we are gay, straight, of colour, or white, male
or female. Fear breeds silence, and our silence

serves only to foster fear.

Finally, I feel anger. I am angry
because all too often homophobia is seen
only as an issue for those in the queer
community, just as racism is too often
seen as only a problem for persons of
colour, and sexism only a problem for
women. Those of us experiencing the
prejudice are perceived to be the ones
responsible for solving it: liable for the
education of others, for soothing the
unease of others. Too often there is only
a sense of self-perspective, difference is
simply that-difference. Being blinkered
in this way means we are unable to
understand the threat to us all whenever
a person experiences hatred, violence or
prejudice due to the colour of their skin
or the gender of the person they love.
My plea is merely to think about this:
examine your own privileges, and your
own fears of difference.

"In Germany, the Nazis came for
the Communists, and I didn't speak up
because I wasn't a Communist. Then they
came for the Jews, and I didn't speak up
because I wasn't a Jew. Then they came
for the trade unionists, and I didn't speak
up because I wasn't a trade unionist. Then
they came for the Catholics, and I didn't
speak up because I was a Protestant.
Then they came for me, and by that time
there was no one left to speak for me."

[http://www.hrc.org/feature1/
shepard2.html](http://www.hrc.org/feature1/shepard2.html)

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Martin Niemoller, quoted in Bartlett's
Familiar Quotations, ed. Justin Kaplan (Boston
MA: Little, Brown, 16th ed. 1992) 684

INTRAMURAL NEWS



LUCAS "MIKE MODANO" CARSLY

Law wins season opener in Men's A league play *Prosecutors defeat 1997-98 "B" league champions*

The revenge-hungry Prosecutors welcomed the Might Putos, last year's B-league champion, into the A-league by handing them a sound 4-2 defeat last Sunday night. Besides chalking up its first victory of the 1998-1999 season, the Prosecutors partially erased lingering memories of last year's emotional shoot-out loss in the intramural finals against the Phys Ed department and its refs. This authour is already sleeping a little better.

The tone for this new season was set in the locker room when weathered veteran, Steve "Last Chance" Kelly, recounted his tragic saga with McGill Intramural sports (a double-overtime loss here, a reversed call there) and concluded with an inspiring "Let's do it this year, boys". As Steve talked, silence fell over the room as veterans and rookies alike concentrated on his every word, soaking up his message that we were carrying the burden of successive generations of frustrated law hockey teams. It was with this sense of history and collective responsibility that the Prosecutors took to the ice.

It did not take long for the Prosecutors to convert this inspiration into hard currency. On the first shift, Max Panaccio captured a loose puck in the offensive zone, spied a lonely Luke Carsley in front of the Puto net and delivered an accurate feed to his line-mate. Luke was left with an easy tap-in to give the Prosecutors an early lead. Dan "Saku" Elie, for his part, wasted no time showing his fans (we did have three!) that he has not lost a stride from last year's MVP season. He capitalized on a neutral zone error by the Puto defense and raced in on a breakaway, beating the goalie with his signature five-hole special. A 2-0 lead in under three minutes had the (not so-)Mighty

Putos questioning their decision to make the jump into the A division.

But our opponents responded impressively. Puto's speedy forwards attacked our defensive zone repeatedly, but our veteran blue-line corps consisting of Mark Labrom, David "abusus" Lametti and Kelly were equal to the challenge. They met them at the blue-line. They blocked their shots. They steered them to the perimeter of our zone. Once the puck became loose, they calmly recovered it and started up ice. One word describes their performance: solid. Dave King would have been proud.

Fortunately, Kelly and Labrom were joined by a late-arriving Lametti. Having missed the whole pre-season with contract disputes, Lametti made it quickly obvious through his territorial effort in front our net that he was, in his words, "devoted" to this season. Pete Wiazowski and James Bailey are the only remaining holdouts of the team. Without luxury box revenue, the Prosecutors are having difficulty signing these players, but negotiations are on going and look positive.

After half time, the Prosecutors cemented a 3-0 lead when Kelly uncharacteristically left his defensive post on a rush. With a beauty pass, he connected with Terrence Filewych, who was perfectly positioned in the high slot. Terrence, fresh out of his summer articling position with the Rock Machine, put his training to practice by triggering a bullet-like shot into the lower right-hand corner. It was Terrence's first A-league career goal, and he retrieved the puck to give to his grandchildren one day (well, not really).

The Putos responded quickly with a goal of their own. Yet the Prosecutors took a commanding lead with a tick-tack-toe transfer of the puck from the sticks of Elie to Carsley to Panaccio, who feathered the biscuit through the five hole. Emotionally moved by his season's first goal (or perhaps

a little nauseous from all the skating), Max excused himself from the bench for his annual, season opener, mid-game porcelain visit.

With fifteen minutes left, the game was far from over. The Prosecutors were showing signs of fatigue. The shifts became longer, and our legs were moving slower. Goalie Marc Miller, who had played a great first period, put his game into overdrive. He made two diving stops, following them up with an impressive shoulder save off a blistering slap-shot. Chants of "Mil-ler, Mil-ler" echoed through the rink. The fact that they were coming from Marc himself should have no significance. He also offered "words of encouragement" from between the pipes when our tired forwards were having difficulty moving the puck out of the defensive zone. His performance and intensity earned him player of the game honours. The play of Daniel Gaudreault and ringer Dan Fischer also deserve mention, having both logged a lot of ice-time and playing dependable two-way games.

By the end of the game, the Mighty Putos had scored a token second goal. Too little, too late, they say. The Prosecutors posted an encouraging first victory. We possess a lot of talent, and once our legs get in shape, we will be an even greater force to be reckoned with.

**Next Quid comes out
on Nov. 2nd.**

**Deadline for submissions, columns, artwork & notices is
Wednesday, October
28th at 12:30pm.**

INTRAMURAL NEWS

Dean's List

DEAN TAYLOR
Athletics Coordinator

Once again, I am starting a column with some old news (although this time the news ain't nearly as old as before). In case you missed it, and by the way, shame on you if you did, Saturday the 17th was the Malpractice Cup, and I am proud to say that we have continued a grand and longstanding tradition of beating on the Meds (in a dignified and classy way) and have retained the Cup for yet another year. Let the three-peat shirts get printed!! (Speaking of shirts, the limited edition "Back in Black" Malpractice t's are going quickly, so get yours today. And if you have it and haven't paid me, I know people, if you catch my drift. So pay up!)

I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped put a whuppin' on the Meds this year, especially Matt, Stefan, Yasemin and Allen for working the door, Nick for staying until 5:30 in the morning to clean up, and Tony for helping set-up, and bartending all night long. Liz got some great pictures folks, so look for them on the board. A grand and special thanks has to go to my factum partner Mr. Schwartz, who put up with me not being around, and then patiently waited for me to figure out what the hell I was doing, and then when I didn't figure out what was going on, helped me figure out something to put on paper. I owe you a drink that will take your mind off knife fights and heroin addictions. You scream, I scream, we all want...

Other than factum, how was your week? I have a real problem with the amount of spitting that takes place in this city for one thing. I thought I escaped that when I left small-town Ontario, but this city this year looks like some sort of weird town in Kentucky with french subtitles. Why this

year? Is there something in the water? Am I spending too much time on lower campus? Is there some sort of competition going on? Are you totally wasting your time by reading this rant?

Well, then we'll talk about something important. Honest. Many of you have been asking about LawGames. Well, as soon as I know, you'll know. You see, traditionally LawGames runs on a rotation system between Quebec, Ontario and the Maritimes (before the West gets in an uproar, remember that there are as many law schools in Ontario or Quebec alone than there are west of Thunder Bay) and this year the rotation turn was Ontario's. Problem was, no one wanted to host it. So the Université de Quebec a Montreal (UQAM) decided they would do it.

Fine. Except then Queen's University in Kingston (which incidentally is in Ontario, and remains there until the rest of the province figures out a way to cut them out without losing Kingston's Taco Bell) decided they would host. So now, we have to vote on who gets it. When the vote comes down, you'll all be among the first to know. Personally, I want to go to Kingston ('cause there is no Taco Bell here). I let you know.

Attention Squash players!

The ladder is in full swing and 30 of your peers are playing regularly.

Don't miss out on the fun.

To join email Damion at stodol_d@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca or by phone at 282-5772.

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events

Upcoming speakers

October 30
10h00 / 202 NCDH

Encounters in Human Rights Series THE TREATMENT OF GENDER-RELATED CRIMES AT THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA. The International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and InterAmicus are pleased to present a lecture by Urusaro Uwagaga Alice Karekezi of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development and Monitor on Gender Related Crimes at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Questions: Charmaine Lyn, 398-5372.

October 28
12h30 / 201 NCDH

The Criminal Law Students' Association invited you to a seminar by André Giroux, inspector for the SQ for crimes against the person, who will be discussing informing suspects of their Charter rights and obtaining confessions. All are welcome! Info. schwar_m@lsa.

LSA T-SHIRT SALE

Due to unprecedented popular demand, we have ordered more of the highly fashionable **Nahum Gelber Law Library t-shirts** which were modelled by the volunteers at the official opening. A limited number of the shirts, now in burgundy with a grey design, are available through the LSA office at a cost of \$12. If you'd like to buy one, drop by during office hours. Vous pouvez également réserver un t-shirt en appelant l'AED au 398-6966.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GENDER ISSUES?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL LAW?

DO YOU WANT TO DO PRACTICAL AND USEFUL WORK THAT BLENDS THE TWO?

Monday, October 26th, at 2 p.m.
NCDH / 102.

The Working Group on Engendering the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda needs interested students to do volunteer research on issues related to justice for women after the Rwandan genocide. All are welcome and are encouraged to come. Anyone interested please contact Kate Wood (wood_k).

intramural games

Womens' B
Out of order

Prochaine partie:
Lundi 26 octobre à 20:30

Hommes B
Spawn of Fagan

Prochaine partie:
lundi le 26 octobre à 22:30

LSA Club Meetings

Wednesday, October 28, 12:30

NCDH / 102

McGill East European Law Student Association - First Meeting

This will be a short meeting. We will inform you about what our objectives for the year are and give you more details on our first guest lecture which will take place in early November. We will also be glad to receive feedback from you — ideas about activities, etc. See you all on Wednesday. Mike Kandev (kandev_m, 529-429) or Victor Constantinescu (consta_v).

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COURSE CHANGES FOR WINTER TERM COURSES:

MARS will be open from Tuesday November 3rd, until Sunday January 17th for any course changes or withdrawals for the Winter Term. During this period you may access MARS to make changes as often as you like. If you wish to drop a course after this period, it will still be possible from January 18th until February 21st, but you will have a >W= on your transcript.

EXTENSIONS:

If you require an extension for an assignment or term paper, you must put your request in writing and submit it to the Associate Dean, Professor Dennis Klinck, for approval.

THE FACULTY'S LATE PENALTY POLICY:

The late penalty policy of the Faculty of Law is: "In the absence of a medical certificate or analogous circumstances, any required paper or essay submitted after its due date shall be assessed a penalty of one grading unit per day late."

SUBMITTING ASSIGNMENTS AFTER OUS HOURS:

Please note that if you wish to submit assignments outside the OUS hours, you can do so in the Library. They will stamp your assignment and hand it to the OUS when they open. Please make sure that the Library will be open when you plan to hand in your assignments, or you may end up with late penalties.

LOCKERS:

Please note that now that lockers have been assigned, you must claim your locker by putting a lock on it. If your locker does not have a lock on it by (or after) November 4th, it will be presumed that you don't want it, and it will be reassigned. If you are in the habit of putting your lock on when you come in and taking it with you when you leave, please don't. If your locker is seen lockless, it will be presumed that it is unwanted.

Career

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday
10:30-12:00/2:00-3:30

Or by appointment

Please note that our Newsletter is also published on the Notice Board

NOTE:

Je serai à l'extérieur du bureau cette semaine. Je visiterai les CDO des Centres de placement des Universités de Toronto, Ottawa, Queen's et Osgoode afin de m'informer et d'évaluer quels sont les services offerts à leurs étudiants et de m'assurer ainsi que la clientèle de la Faculté de droit de McGill reçoive la même qualité de services. Pour toute affaire pressante, je vous invite donc à communiquer cette semaine avec nos co-chairs au numéro indiqué ci-dessus.

- Francine Cholette.

CAREER DAYS

January 27th & 28th, 1999

Le Service de Placement conjointement avec les Co-Chairs LSA des Journées Carrières est heureux de vous informer que les Journées Carrières se tiendront cette année le mercredi 27 janvier 1999 pour les employeurs de la province de Québec et le jeudi 28 janvier 1999 pour les employeurs de l'extérieur du Québec. Différentes activités et des séminaires auront lieu également au cours de cette semaine d'information. Nous inviterons cette année à nos Journées Carrières des employeurs tant du secteur de la pratique du droit privé que de secteurs alternatifs. C'est un rendez-vous à mettre à votre agenda dès maintenant. Également, tous ceux et celles qui voudront travailler avec nous à l'organisation de cet événement pourront faire part de leur intention à Jeff Commission ou Monica Papendick, les co-chairs de l'édition 1999 des Journées Carrières.

EVENT NOTICE POLICY.

Event notices must be submitted for each week the event is to appear in the Quid. Event listings should be brief and include a contact number or email address for information requests. Notices can be sent to Quid@lsa by file attachment only please!

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PART-TIME POSITION - TRANSLATION KOREAN TO ENGLISH

Goodman, Phillips & Vineberg is looking for one of its client for a fully bilingual person (korean-english) to do translation of legal documents from korean to english. Few hours/week for few months. Will be paid by the hour. Please note the new contact person to call: Mr. William Brock, Goodman, Phillips & Vineberg at 841-6438. New deadline: October 30th.

1999 Graduating Students who do not have an articling position or a position upon graduation. I invite you to consult the Articling Vacancy List published by the Law Society of Upper Canada for articling positions in Ontario, posted on the Placement Boards next to the cafeteria.

Le bureau de Denis, Comtois, pratique exclusive en droit du travail à Montréal, est présentement à la recherche de candidats pour combler des postes de stagiaires, soit: un premier à compter de janvier 1999 et un second à compter de mai 1999. Toute personne intéressée est priée de faire parvenir son cv + relevé de notes à l'attn de Me Sylvain Toupin, responsable du recrutement, 3768 ch. de la Côte-des-Neiges, Montréal H3H 1V6. Fax 934-3987. I would also very much like to meet with those of you who are looking for an articling position for May 1999 since I want to assist you in anyway the Placement Office can. I first have to assess what your needs are in order to then see what can be done. So please come to meet with me and bring me a copy of your resume. I will be visiting firms both in Montreal and in Toronto in the coming weeks, so I would like to be able to discuss this issue with them and see which firms still have openings. Please call upon my return on November 2nd to make an appointment.

COURT OF APPEAL AND COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA AT CALGARY AND EDMONTON

Applications are now being accepted from students who wish to serve articles of clerkship with the Court of Appeal and the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta for the 2000/2001 term. There are 8 articling positions available in each city. Deadline for applications: Calgary - 30 November 1998 and Edmonton - 2 January 1999. Please see all details on our boards. Applications should include a résumé,

latest transcript of marks, a legal writing sample such as a brief essay, current and home address and telephone numbers, a small photo for identification purposes, and a covering letter. First Semester (second year) marks can be forwarded when available. Send to: The Hon. Madam Justice Carole Conrad, Court of Appeal of Alberta, 530 - 7th Avenue S.W., Calgary, AB T2P 0Y3. or The Hon. Mr. Justice J.E. Côté, Court of Appeal of Alberta, 1A Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton, AB T5J 0R2.

SUPREME COURT CLERKSHIPS - STAGES À LA COUR SUPRÊME FOR 2000-2001

All clerkship applications must be handed in at the OUS by 11 January 1999.

See what documents are required for applications at the Placement Office and/or on our Noticeboard. An information session will be held on November 25th, 1998, at 12:30, Room 101, 3647 Peel Prof. Geneviève Saumier, Supreme Court Clerkship Coordinator

RECRUTEMENT POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS FINISSANTS QUI SOUHAITENT UNE CARRIÈRE DANS DES DOMAINES AUTRES QUE LA PRATIQUE DU DROIT PRIVÉ

Le Service de Placement est en discussion avec différents employeurs afin de les inviter à venir vous rencontrer sur notre Campus. Plus de détails dans les prochaines semaines dès que les projets se concrétisent.

Oct 26 4:30pm Canadian Airlines Faculty Club

ONTARIO 1999 SUMMER RECRUITMENT

Good luck to those of you who will be interviewing in Toronto next week. Remember that a good preparation, knowing your resume inside/out, having done a research on the firm you are interviewing with, and having some good questions to demonstrate your interest in the firm when the interviewer will finish by saying: Do you have any questions? Try to book your interviews not to close apart to allow time to go from one firm to the

other. But remember, you have to convince your interviewer that he is THE ONE you want to work for. This might sound obvious, but when one is nervous.....

EMPLOIS D'ÉTÉ POUR LES ÉTUDIANTS DE 1ÈRE ANNÉE OU AUTRES

Les formulaires du Programme fédéral d'expérience de travail étudiant pour l'été 1999 sont maintenant disponibles au Service de Placement. Plusieurs possibilités d'emploi au sein de la fonction fédérale. Mais j'attire votre attention sur le Programme pour étudiantes et étudiants en droit (Code 005 du formulaire) au Ministère de Justice Canada. Date d'accès au répertoire: dès le 28 octobre 1998.

U.S. FIRMS RECRUITMENT

Another firm is now accepting applications from McGill students for summer positions. Deadline: Wednesday, November 4th, 1998 at 12 noon, in the Placement Office. Kirkland & Ellis
Ms. Diane M. Penner
Attorney Recruiting and Training Manager
Citicorp Center
153 East 53rd Street
New York, New York 10022-4675

SASKATCHEWAN ARTICLING RECRUITMENT

Available at the Placement Office: Articling Interview Guidelines for the 2000-2001 Recruiting Period for the province of Saskatchewan.

ASIA OPPORTUNITY- A SUMMER IN THAILAND

Baker & McKenzie, Bangkok office, now accepts applications from law students interested in working as a clerk or trainee during the summer. See their posting on our board for more details. Applications (letter stating your purpose in seeking a clerkship in Asia, relevant background or experience that would contribute to your success and the time frame you are interested in), résumé, transcript, letter of recommendation from law professors or previous employers or other suitable persons and a photo) should be forwarded

to:
Professional Development Partner
Baker & McKenzie
GPO Box 2815
Bangkok 10501
Thailand

ARTICLING IN THE YEAR 2023

Le Service de Placement compte maintenant un nouveau client, un futur étudiant qui sera probablement en recherche de stage vers 2023-2024. Nos plus sincères félicitations à Esther et Jean-Noël pour la venue de ce beau garçon, né vendredi le 15 octobre et pesant 3.5kg. Les heureux parents sont ouverts aux suggestions pour un nom pour Bébé.

VOLUNTEERS - BÉNÉVOLES

Des exemples concrets de projets que nous souhaitons développer et que nous proposons à nos bénévoles et tous ceux et celles qui souhaitent se joindre à notre groupe de bénévoles: 1. Information relative aux carrières alternatives dans des organismes tel que Greenpeace, Amnistie internationale; 2. Information relative aux emplois dans les organismes para-publics et gouvernementaux tel que l'Aide juridique, le Ministère de la Justice et le travail communautaire; 3. L'URGENCE de mettre à jour notre Centre de Documentation en communiquant avec les firmes des différentes juridictions afin d'obtenir leur plus récente brochure; 4. Information relative aux différents barreaux canadiens et américains, conditions d'admissibilité, dates d'application; 5. Mise-à-jour du Guide de Recherche d'emploi juridique du Service de Placement; 6. Développement extensif d'une base de données de nos étudiants et diplômés relativement au placement. Nos co-chairs ont communiqué avec vous cette semaine afin de démarrer l'ensemble des projets pour le Service de Placement. Plusieurs de ces projets ont pour but d'améliorer la qualité de l'information disponible auprès des étudiants. L'essence même de notre Service. Si vous n'avez pas encore rencontré Stef et Kate, je vous prierais de le faire le plus tôt possible afin que le Centre de Placement puisse offrir un service de qualité à l'ensemble de sa clientèle. Pour prendre rendez-vous: 398-6159 ou email placement@lsa. A tous ceux et celles qui sont déjà à la tâche, je ne saurais trop vous dire combien votre travail est apprécié. Merci.

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process.) But the factum isn't all sleepiness nights and physiological side-effects. This year, after completing the factum, survivors were rewarded with an entertaining Wainwright Lecture, instead of the usual boring Coffee House. Just what you want when you are wearing yesterday's clothes.

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On the topic of looking one's best, grad photos were taken this week. The portraits will soon be assembled into a vast montage, immortalizing forever your current sense of style for the mirth and merriment of future generations. Your best defense is never to accomplish anything in life, and to remain completely and utterly anonymous. Among the most conspicuous of portraits are those of eventual McGill professors, although the best examples are hanging in the offices of the McGill Law Journal. While Dean Toope and Professor Harvison-Young have changed only slightly over the years, the picture of Professor Healy, with enough

facial hair that he could pass for Ted Kaczinsky's roommate, is not to be missed. I am comfortable saying this not because he is presently on another continent, but because he is a really great guy, and I really, really love both of his courses that I am in this semester. Really.

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This year a new club has appeared here at the faculty, calling for the decriminalization of marijuana. This club immediately struck me as odd, in that it is the only organization I know of where there is a single Joint President. Nonetheless, as an official club they are entitled to \$150 of funding from the LSA, which they have already spent on Cheetos. They have also announced their first meeting, so I expect they are keen to get rolling. However, I cannot in good faith counsel you to attend, because the group is merely a "gateway club" for harder organizations like the McGill Society to Legalize Crack.

Personally, I can see a few good reasons for *not* decriminalizing marijuana.

Considering the recent proliferation of port and cigar lounges, the last thing we need is more trendy theme bars. I can see it now: a combination weed emporium and laundromat, with incessant Doors music and giant screens showing *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *2001: A Space Odyssey*. A far better idea would be to ban port and cigars. Look at how much fun Americans have coming to Montreal to buy Cuban cigars—despite the fact that most of them are counterfeit and appeared to have been rolled by someone lacking an opposable thumb. Legalize marijuana and you lose the thrill of tasting forbidden fruit. Then again, if we make it legal we could get rich by selling hapless Americans dime bags of oregano, so I suppose there are arguments on both sides.

It remains to be seen what kind of popular following this group will have at the faculty. If they have trouble attracting members perhaps they should consider expanding their mandate to promoting the criminalizing of factum assignments. Now *that* is an issue students at the faculty can really get behind.

Chancellor Day Fiction Club

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appreciated the structure, care, and attention it offered them. The program wasn't called "Welcome Home" for nothing, she realized.

Twenty minutes later, after the children had left the church and she had promised to participate in the "Gym Night" that was to come that Friday, the new tutor left the basement, her own backpack slung over her shoulder. She entered the windy church courtyard tired but pleased with her afternoon. It had been a good experience, and she knew she would enjoy making this a part of her weekly schedule.

Standing in the bright sunlight, squinting to get her bearings and begin the long walk home, she suddenly realized that she was surrounded by her 11 year olds, who were joined by their female counterparts. Some younger children had also joined them, their faces still sticky from the cake they had enjoyed at the start of the afternoon. The children bumped up against one another as

they peppered her with questions.

"Are you coming back?" they demanded. "Are you coming every Monday?"

"What's your name again? Are you a lady?"

"Are you coming swimming with us on Thursday? Do you want some of my Fruit Roll-Up?"

"Where do you live?"

...And so she answered their questions as best she could and felt wanted and filled up inside. She chatted with them and ate some Fruit Roll-Up, and promised that she would see them every Monday, and be at Gym Night later that week. She explained that she had to leave, for a night class, but that she would see them again soon. And the children laughed and jostled against each other and shouted their good byes.

The Welcome Home after school program is run by a ministry called Urban Promise. Anyone interested in volunteering as a part of this program is welcome to contact Laurel at 842-4945, or email her at nast_l.

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with psychological problems, addicts, offenders and abused wives. And *Dans La Rue* aids the youth of Montreal who are without shelter and in need of support.

We are counting on your support to exceed last year's donation to these charities. If you have any fundraising ideas or if you would like to contribute in any way (even if that means 30 minutes of your time to stuff envelopes before our big mailing), we would love to hear from you. Send us an e-note at Askitnite@, or at my address (taylor_s@lsa.lan.mcgill.ca) or give us a call. And, in the words of Awi and Maya, Akeep reaching for the stars@C join us for our first party fundraiser at Coffee House on Thursday, November 19, 1998. Beware...The heat will certainly be on!